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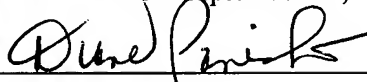
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claims and abstract (15 pages) and formal drawings (5 sheets), Abidin et al, Inventors. Listed below are the complete names, addresses and citizenship of the inventors.

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**The applicants are a small entity.**

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4. Declaration - One signed and dated by Michael R. Abidin, M.D.; and one signed and dated by Steven P. Lehmbeck.
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To the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: ABIDIN et al

For: GUARDED SURGICAL SCALPEL WITH BLADE STRIPPER LOCK  
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THE BLADE

Enclosed are:

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